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Re:

Petition to Intervene of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.; Docket

No. T-00000B-97-0238

Dear Docket Control Officer:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter an original and ten (10) copies of the Petition to Intervene of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this Application and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Antony Richard Petrilla

Counsel for McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

Enclosure

cc:

Richard S. Lipman, Esq. Richard M. Rindler, Esq.

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER of US WEST)	
Communications, Inc.'s Compliance)	Docket No. T-00000B-97-0238
with Section 271(c) of the)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to R14-3-105, hereby petitions to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its petition, McLeodUSA states as follows:

1. **Name, Address and Telephone Number of Petitioner:** Petitioner's name, address, and telephone number are as follows:

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2. Names and Addresses of Petitioner's Attorneys: Petitioner is represented by the following attorneys:

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- 3. Petitioner's Basis for Intervention in Docket No. T-00000B-97-0238: Docket No. T-00000B-97-0238 deals with U S WEST's application under Section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act"). If U S WEST can demonstrate that it has fully satisfied the requirements of Section 271 of the Act, it can enter the interLATA market of Arizona.

 McLeodUSA is a competitive local exchange carrier operating within US West's region and therefore falls within the class of carriers that Congress sought to protect by enacting Section 271 of the Act. As such, McLeodUSA has information relevant to this Commission's inquiry and has a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding.
- 4. **Intervention will not Unduly Broaden the Issues:** Granting the instant Petition to Intervene will not unduly broaden the issues before the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests to be granted full party status in Docket No. T-00000B-97-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 22nd day of April, 1998, I sent a copy of the foregoing Petition via FEDEX to the following indicated by an asterisk (*) on this list, and by first class mail to all others:

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